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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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DEPARTMENT FOR CA/OCS

E.O. 21356: N/A  
TAGS; CASC, BY  
SUBJECT: AMCIT RELIGIOUS WORKERS ATTEMPTING  
TO RETURN TO RWANDA

1. SUMMARY: POST HAS ENCOUNTERED A NUMBER OF  
AMCIT CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS WORKERS WHO ARE  
ATTEMPTING TO ENTER RWANDA. A PROTESTANT  
RELIGIOUS WORKER HAS ALSO REENTERED RWANDA.  
END SUMMARY.

2. TDY CONOFF HAS ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL AMCIT  
RELIGIOUS WORKERS WHO HAVE SINCE ENTERED  
RWANDA. EACH IS INTENT ON VERIFYING THE W/W  
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OF HOST COUNTRY AND THIRD COUNTRY RELIGIOUS  
WORKERS WHO REMAIN AT MISSIONS IN RWANDA. IF  
POSSIBLE, EACH WILL ATTEMPT TO EVACUATE HER  
ORDER'S PERSONNEL FROM RWANDA.

3. ON 05/16/94, CONOFF ENCOUNTERED A NUMBER  
OF AMCIT CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS WORKERS WHO WERE  
TRAVELING TO BUJUMBURA IN ORDER TO EFFECT AN  
ENTRY INTO RWANDA. TWO WERE SENIOR MEMBERS OF  
CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

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4. [REDACTED] HER  
STATED INTENTION WAS TO ENTER RWANDA AND  
EVACUATE 12 SISTERS OF HER ORDER AT BUTARE.  
SHE EXPECTED TO HAVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE  
SPANISH CONSULATE AND A RELIGIOUS ORDER KNOWN  
AS THE "WHITE FATHERS" IN BUJUMBURA.

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5. ON 05/20/94 [REDACTED] CALLED TO  
INFORM CONOFF THAT SHE HAD RETURNED FROM  
RWANDA. SHE REPORTED THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO  
EXTRICATE HER SISTERS (BOTH TUTSI AND HUTU) EN  
MASS SO SHE WAS DEPARTING BUJUMBURA FOR  
NAIROBI THAT AFTERNOON TO TRY TO ARRANGE SOME  
SORT OF RESCUE ATTEMPT. MORE DISTRESSINGLY  
SHE NOTED HER CONCERN FOR THE SECOND NUN.  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SHE EXPECTED TO ENTER RWANDA  
VIA ZAIRE TO BRING OUT TWENTY SISTERS AT  
KIRUHURU. ONE OF THESE IS AN AMCIT,

[REDACTED]  
SO THAT THEY MIGHT EXIT RWANDA (WHERE THERE IS  
STRONG ANTI-BELGIAN FEELING). THE REST ARE  
HOST COUNTRY HUTUS AND TUTSIS. [REDACTED]  
TOLD CONOFF THAT [REDACTED] HAD INSISTED ON  
PUSHING ON FROM BUTARE TO KIRUHURU DESPITE THE  
DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS. CONOFF UNDERSTOOD THAT  
SHE WAS BEING ASSISTED BY A CANADIAN NUN OF  
HER ORDER. AS OF 5/23 WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM  
[REDACTED] IN SPITE OF MESSAGES LEFT FOR HER  
AT THE SPANISH CONSULATE AND THE WHITE  
FATHERS.

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[REDACTED]

SHE INTENDS TO MAKING HER WAY ACROSS UGANDA BY  
CAR AND TO CHECK ON A MISSION IN NORTHERN  
RWANDA. SHE IS CONFIDENT THAT ITS MEMBERS ARE  
WELL SINCE THE MISSION IS IN PDF CONTROLLED  
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TERRITORY.

8. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES REPORTED THAT  
THEY HAVE AN [REDACTED]  
(NO OTHER DATA), ENTERING NORTHERN RWANDA FROM  
UGANDA.

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10. ON MAY 24, A NEWLY ARRIVED WORKER FOR  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TRAVELS REGULARLY TO GITARAMA, AND  
ONE HAS ACTUALLY MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO

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11. EMBASSY STAFF HAS ATTEMPTED TO DISSUADE  
AL  
L AMERICANS FROM ENTERING RWANDA BUT EACH  
FELT ANSWERABLE TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY THAN THE  
USG. POST WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH  
THE LOCAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAN MIGHT  
KNOW OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

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12. MEANWHILE, A CHECK WITH AIRPORT  
IMMIGRATION SHOWS A REGULAR FLOW OF AMERICANS  
ENTERING AND LEAVING BURUNDI. IN THE LAST 30  
DAYS, 74 AMERICANS HAVE ENTERED BURUNDI AND 86  
HAVE DEPARTED. MOST APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN  
JOURNALISTS AND TDY RELIEF WORKERS (THREE TDY  
FOR POST). IN THE SAME PERIOD, ONLY EIGHT  
HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE EMBASSY. WE ARE  
RECANVASING ALL HOTELS TO GET A MORE ACCURATE  
COUNT OF WHO ACTUALLY REMAINS IN BURUNDI.  
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